ROTTED BY J. W. SIMS. Local Option-once more.

Below I copy some portions of a sermon preached by Rev. A. M. Hills of Ravenna, n local option. It is impossible to do ustice to the sermon by a few extracts. but is is too long to publish in this dol umm, so I shall have to content myself by copying a few of the geme that sparkle all through the discourse. He sketches the situation at the present time with a manter hard, and the work which the Chris tian women of our State have done in the last few years in the cause, of temperance, and closes with a warning word to our Legislators, not to treat with contempt the expressed washes of so large a portion of the people of this State, on the subject of local option on the basis of woman suffrage. I confess to a feeling of disappointment, at the action of our Legislature up blueness of the Biue Man was due to his to this time, dodging the issue that must be met sometime in this decade, and the somer it is done, the better it will be for this explanation. But who, on reflection State and Nation. There is a wide difference between a statesman and a politician one who never looks beyond the success of his party in the political contests of the day. The present Legislature have it in their power in pass a law that is just in its provisions that will wrong no one engaged in honorable business, and which thousands of the best men and women in the State have petitioned for. There is no mistaking the signs of the times; an enlightened public sentiment is fast rising up to the level of the needs of the hour, and the time is coming when the temperance element will be strong enough to command the respect of political parties, and it may be well for our law makers to remember that in a Republican government the source of all power lies with the people, and if a member elected by them neglects or refuses to carry out their expressed wishes, there is good reason to expect that his constituents will, sooner or latter, invite him to stay at home. If the temperance men and women will only hold the ground they can gain from day to day, working in season and out of season. I see no reason to fear for the final triumph of the principles so dear to their hearts. To this end let unity prevail in our councils and let wishom direct every movement, and lat every word and every action tell on the side of truth and of right. There is no need of discouragement, for the influence of temperance workers is felt all over our land, a great advance having been made all along the lines in the last ten years, and we must work on, and keep praying as we go, and keep our powder dry for offensive as well as defensive warence between a statesman and a politician one who never looks beyond the success of

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New York Times. Nature has made white, black, yallow, ed, and brown men, but she has reserve the rest of her palette for objects othe of green in painting her grass and her trees, but she has never given us a green uan. One of her most popular and sucnever tried the experiment of making a blue woman. Such blue persons as we may meet from time to time are the work of art, not of nature, and they are universally regarded as uncalled for and inexes

onally a man of a deep-blue cor plexion makes his appearance in public and attracts general and unfavorable comment. Old New Yorkers will remembe the blue man who, twenty-five years ago. was contemporary with those now vanished institutions, the 'Lime-kiln Man,' and "Four-cent Man." People said that the excessive use of nitrate of silver, and there were few who took the trouble to question ever is addicted to nitrate of silver, either as a beverage or an article of diet? Used in either way it would be hotter than the soup at a railway restaurant—far too hot, in fact, to be assimilated by any one but a salamander. Still, it is possible, that in some obscure scientific way, nitrate of all ver can be introduced into the human sto each, with the blue consequences popular ly attributed to it. There is, however, lue man now living in the suberbs of St Louis, who never looked upon nitrate of

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